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ON

H. R. 15220

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COMMITTEE ON PATENTS,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Wednesday, April 15, 1914.

The committee was called to order at 11 a. m., Hon. William A. Oldfield (chairman) presiding.

The CHAIRMAN. The bill now under consideration is H. R. 15220, which makes it unnecessary to have the attestation of two witnesses to an application for patent. Is that it, Mr. Alexander?

Mr. ALEXANDER. Yes. Here is what the Commissioner of Patents states:

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE,
Washington, D. C., April 2, 1914.

Hon. W. A. OLDFIELD,
House of Representatives, Washington, D. C.

DEAR SIR: House bill No. 15220, introduced by Mr. Alexander March 31, 1914, entitled "A bill to amend sections 4888 and 4889 of the Revised Statutes relating to patents," is drawn for the purpose of dropping from the patent statute the requirement of attestation by two witnesses of the specifications and drawings of applications. It makes this change and no other in the statute, and the change is, in my opinion, a desirable simplification of the application for patent.

Respectfully,

THOMAS EWING, *Commissioner.*

Mr. MORRISON. I move the bill be reported favorably.

Mr. NOLAN. I second the motion.

(The motion was agreed to.)

Mr. MORRISON. I move the chairman be instructed to take any action he deems proper for the purpose of securing action by the House.

Mr. ALEXANDER. I second the motion.

(The motion was agreed to.)

The CHAIRMAN. Now, then, gentlemen, there is a bill here that I introduced January 12, 1914 (H. R. 11321), and another (H. R. 1700) introduced by myself April 7, 1913. That is the bill reported in the last Congress and left on the calendar so late we could not do anything with it; and also bill H. R. 10153, a bill introduced by myself at the request of Mr. H. Ward Lamon, an inventor of New York. After going over the matter with the Commissioner of Patents, he decided I should introduce it and thrash it out and see if there was any merit in it; and I would like to have a hearing on these three bills or any other suggestion the Commissioner of Patents or any member of the committee feel inclined to make and see if we can not work out some legislation, and I would like to begin the hearings next Wednesday if we can.

Mr. ALEXANDER. Had you not better indicate the bill you would take up first?

The CHAIRMAN. I think we will hear them all at once.

Mr. ALEXANDER. Are they the same subject matter?

The CHAIRMAN. They all relate to patents.

(The committee then adjourned.)

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